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## THE HEDGEHOG



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**PANIC IN THE SKY - PART 4 OF 4**

Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures—a world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!



**CHARACTER  
=SELECT=**



**SUPER SONIC**  
CHAOS EMERALD  
SUPER-CHARGED HERO



**CHIP/LIGHT GAIA**  
WITH THE GAIA COLOSSUS



**THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS**  
WORLD HEROES



**DARK GAIA**  
WORLD-DESTROYING  
BEAST OF DARKNESS

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## THE STORY SO FAR...

### THE LIGHT AND THE DARK

One of Dr. Eggman's mad schemes to take over the world went awry, splitting the planet into pieces and unleashing the long dormant spirits: Light Gaia and Dark Gaia. Light Gaia lost its memories and power, but was soon taken in by Sonic and friends and given the nickname "Chip."



Dark Gaia disintegrated and poured over the shattered world. Monsters made of its essence rose up at night, people were driven to depression and hopelessness, and Sonic became infected, turning into the fearsome Werehog.

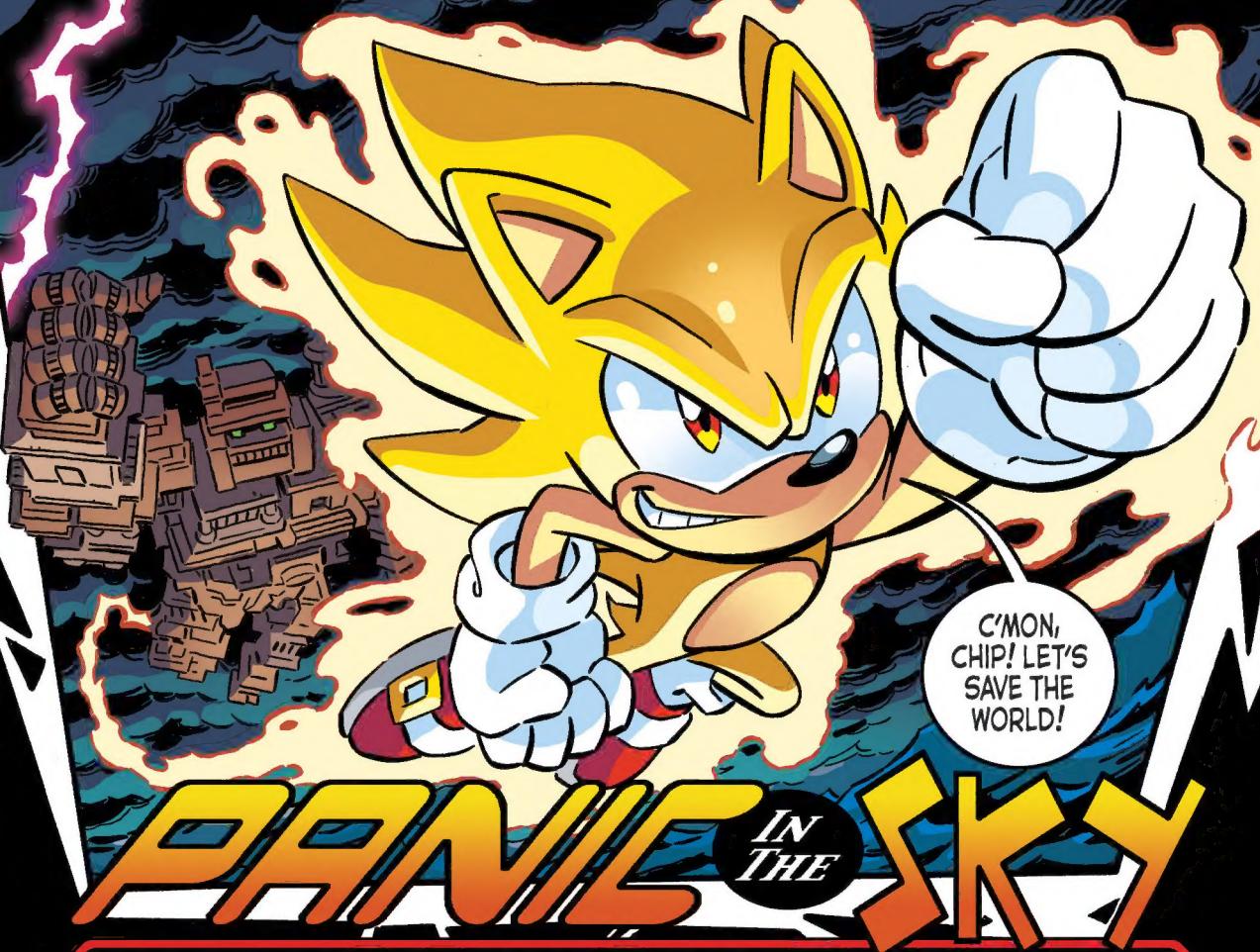


Sonic, Chip and the Freedom Fighters sought out the power of the seven Chaos Emeralds and Gaia Temples, which were foretold to end the crisis. Meanwhile, Dr. Eggman gathered up all of Dark Gaia's energy for his own use. In the end the temples combined into the mighty Gaia Colossus, and the collected dark energy reformed into the terrifying Perfect Dark Gaia.

**Now Super Sonic leads Chip, piloting the Gaia Colossus, into battle against Perfect Dark Gaia. Together they must defeat the destructive god—or watch the end of the world.**



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Sonic!  
Dark Gaia  
is raising  
a shield  
with those  
things!



WELL, WE  
CAN'T HAVE  
THAT! I'LL  
TAKE DOWN  
THESE SNAKE-  
WHATEVERS!

**SPLORCH**



Then  
I'LL keep  
Dark Gaia  
distracted!



HOW  
ARE  
YOU  
--?



**SHRRRZZZZK**



HRRR--  
RRRAUGH!



WAY  
TO GO,  
CHIP!



WE SHOULD  
BE SAFELY OUT  
OF RANGE!

I THINK  
THOSE ARE  
RELATIVE TERMS  
AT THIS  
POINT...

ZE DEATH  
EGG...SHE IS NOT  
MOVING...?

I'M GUESSIN' IT'S  
FINALLY OUTTA GAS.  
THE DOC WAS  
PRETTY DESPERATE TO  
GET THAT DARK GAIA  
ENERGY.

WHAT'S  
GOT ME MORE  
CONCERNED  
IS AH DON'T  
SEE THE SKY  
PATROL NO-  
WHERE.

OH,  
MY GOSH--  
DOWN  
THERE!

HANG ON, GUYS!  
THE HANGAR ENTRANCE  
IS SUBMERGED, SO I'M  
GOING TO HAVE TO LAND  
US ON THE DOME!



**CRASH!**



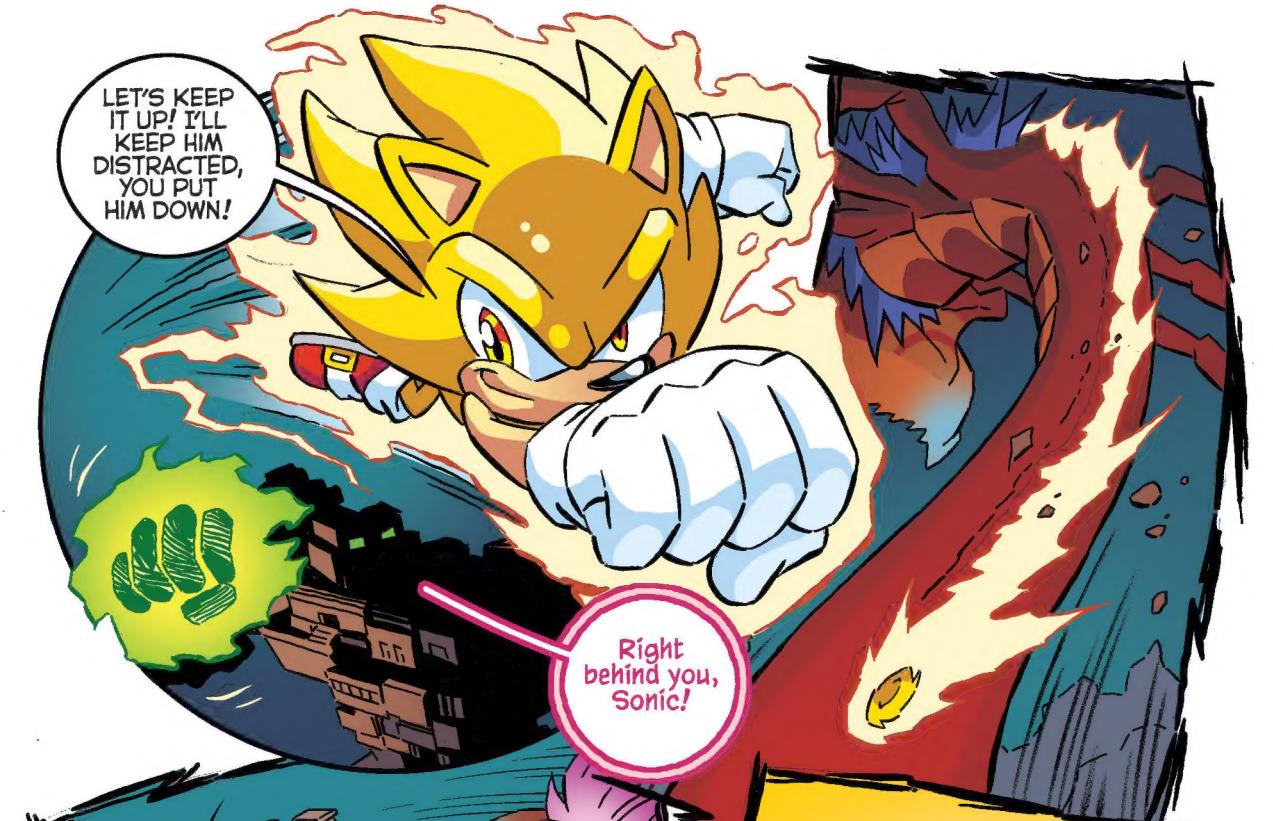
**ROOOAAAR!**

**SHOOOM!**

THAT WAS  
TOTALLY ONE  
OF KNUCKLES'S  
MOVES!

HaHA!  
well,  
I don't think  
I can make  
this thing  
Spin Dash!

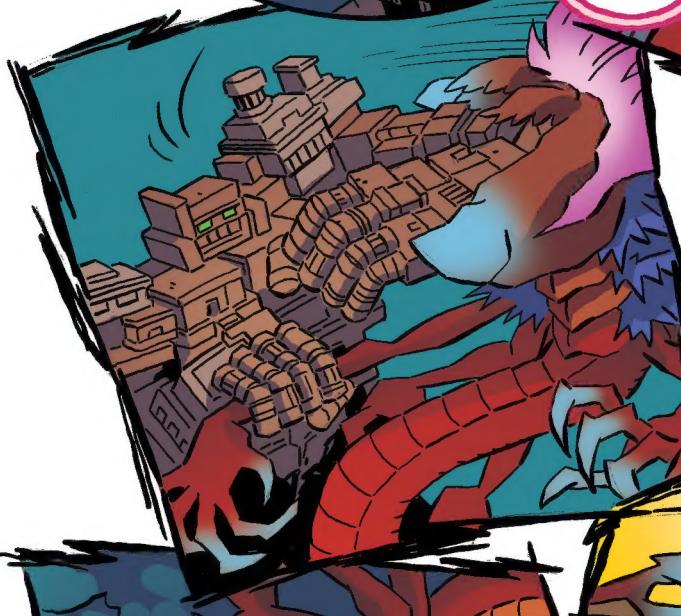




LET'S KEEP IT UP! I'LL KEEP HIM DISTRACTED, YOU PUT HIM DOWN!



Right behind you, Sonic!





AHH!  
Sonic!  
It's got  
me!



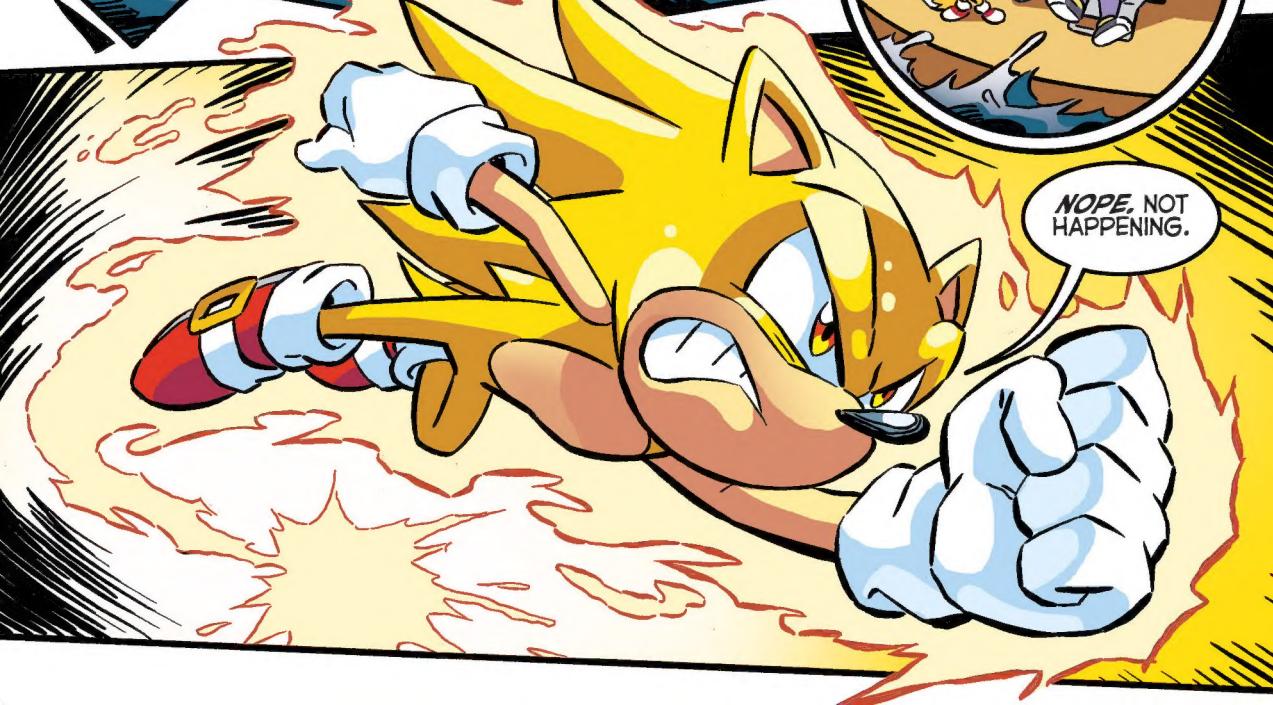
It's  
charging up!  
I don't know  
if the Gaia  
Colossus  
can survive a  
point-blank shot!



AND  
AT THAT  
ANGLE...



NOPE, NOT  
HAPPENING.



ROOOOOAAH!



AND ONCE AGAIN, MY ATTEMPTS AT HARNESSING AN ELDITCH ELEMENTAL POWER FALL THROUGH...

AND AT GREAT PERSONAL COST, NO LESS! NEVER MIND THE RESOURCES... I REALLY LIKED THAT AMUSEMENT PARK!

AND I WAS SO CLOSE TO FINALLY POWERING THE DEATH EGG! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO STRIKE FEAR INTO THE HEARTS OF MY ENEMIES WHEN I RUN OUT OF GAS JUST GETTING INTO RANGE?!

ALTHOUGH...

...THE RAW POWER OF THE WORLD IS MUCH MORE POTENT THAN I IMAGINED. IT COULD WORK JUST AS WELL AS THE DARK GAIA ENERGY.

IF I COULD FIND A WAY TO SIPHON IT... SOME PLACE REMOTE WHERE SONIC WOULDN'T FIND ME AND RUIN MY PLANS AGAIN...

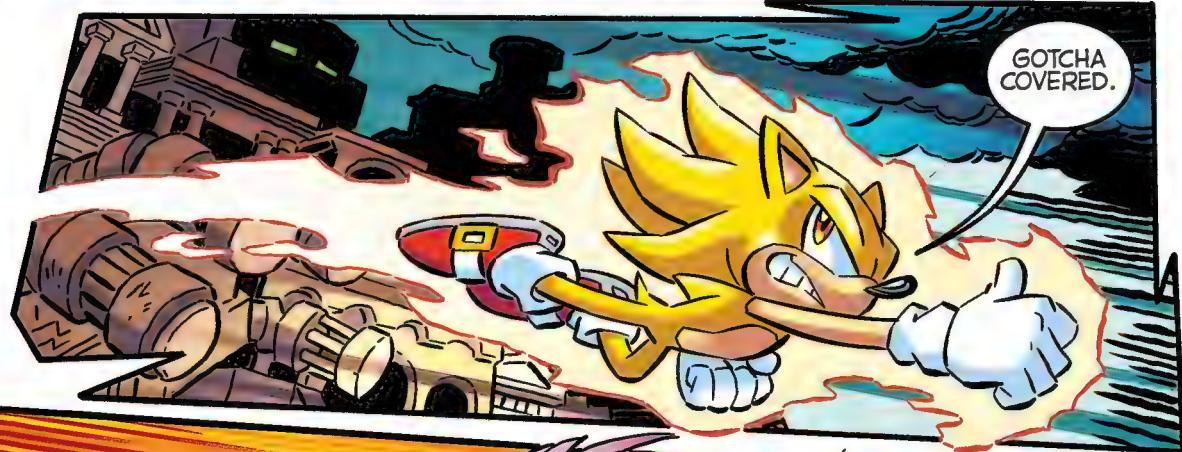
BAH! THAT'S PLOTTING FOR ANOTHER DAY.

I NEED TO GET OUT OF THE RANGE OF DARK GAIA--OR THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, IF THEY MANAGE TO RALLY!

S-  
Sonic...  
that shot...  
weakened  
it...

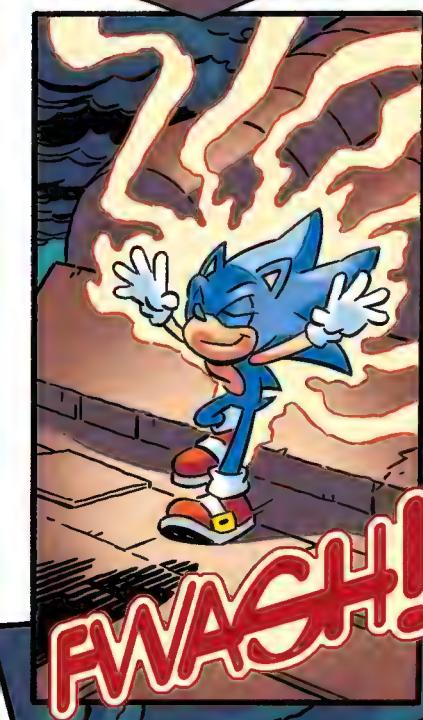
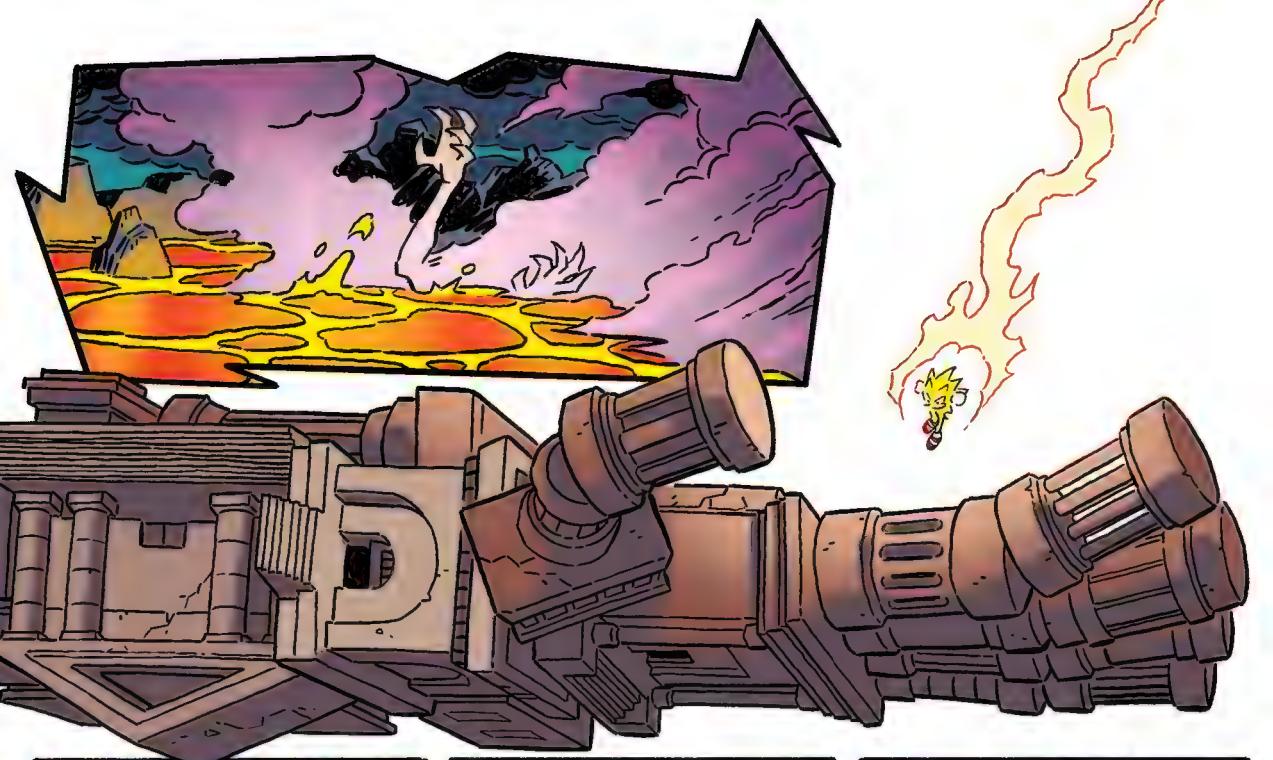


GOTCHA  
COVERED.

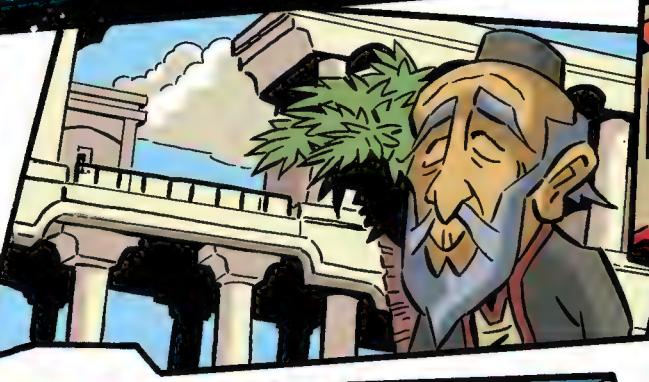
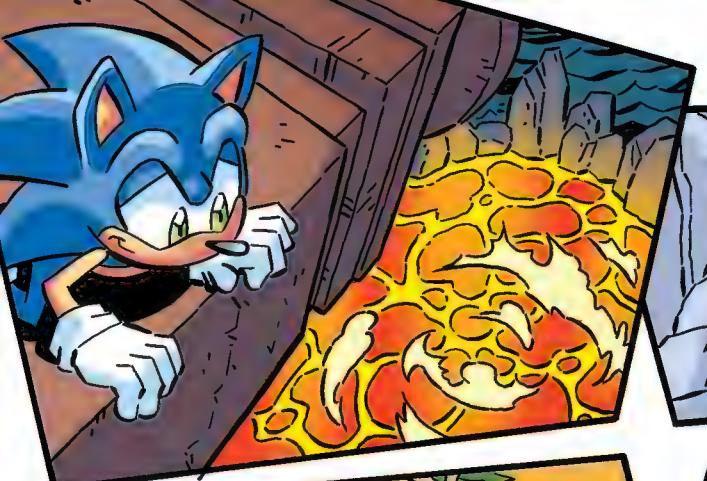


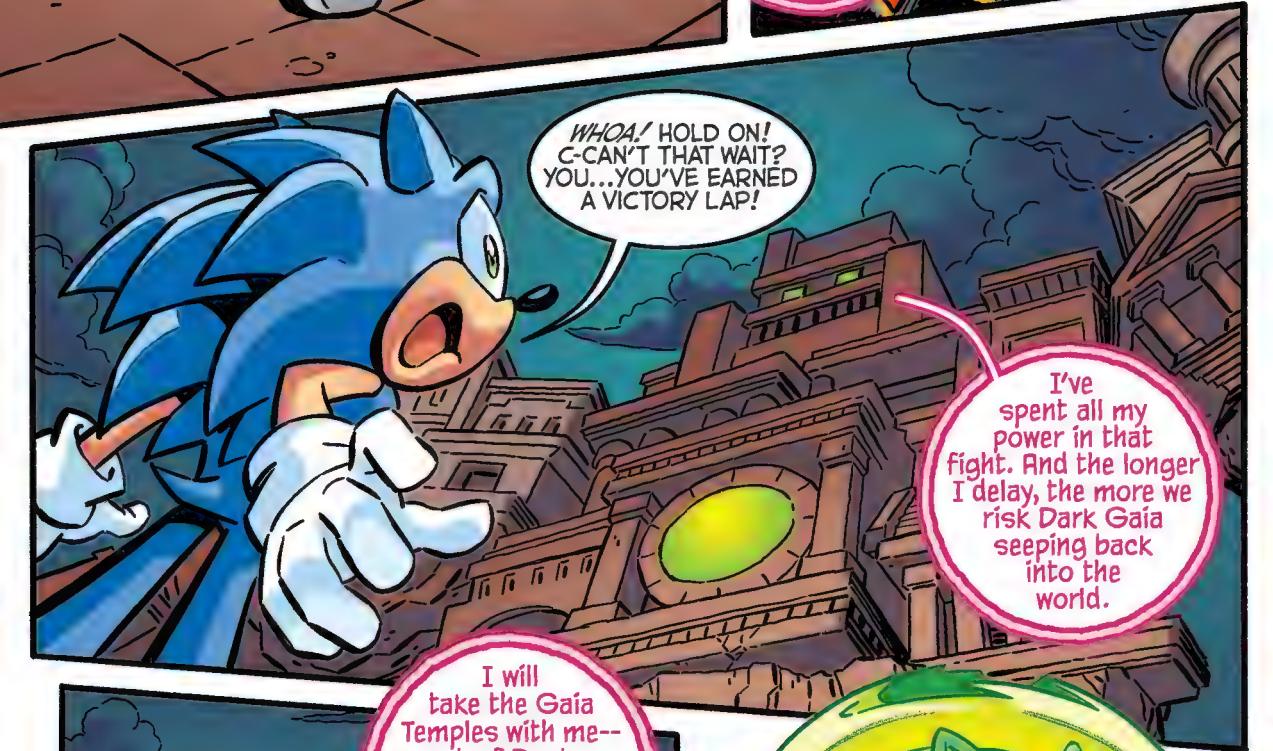
SCHING!





--and  
restore  
the world!





You and all your friends.

Tails! Rotor! Thank you for sharing your wisdom with me.

Antoine! Bunnie! Your love for each other showed me just what I was meant to protect in this world.

Sally! Your bond with Nicole...I see why you could so easily accept a spirit like me. Please tell her "goodbye" for me.



Amy! Knuckles! Thank you for inspiring me with your passion!

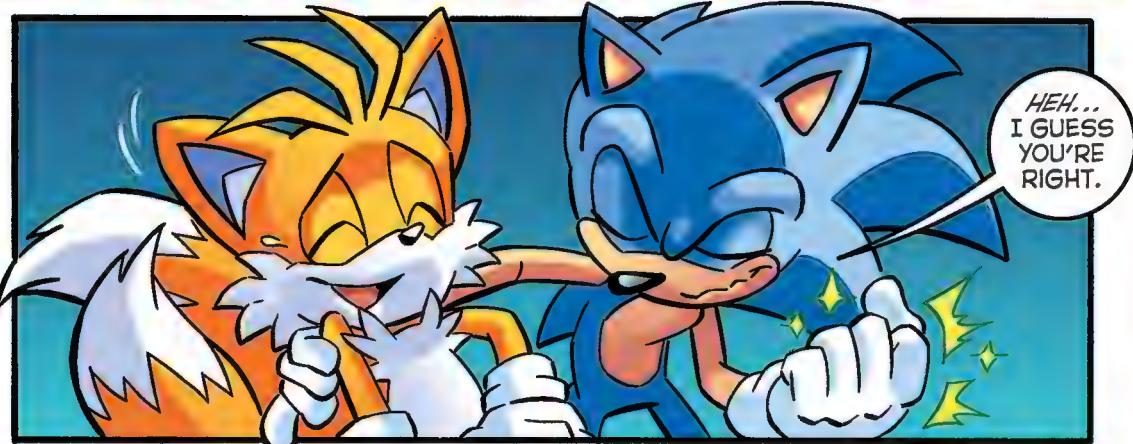
...Y-YOU TWO DID HEAR THAT, Y-YES?

Cream! Cheese! Big! I wish I could be closer when I say farewell, my friends.

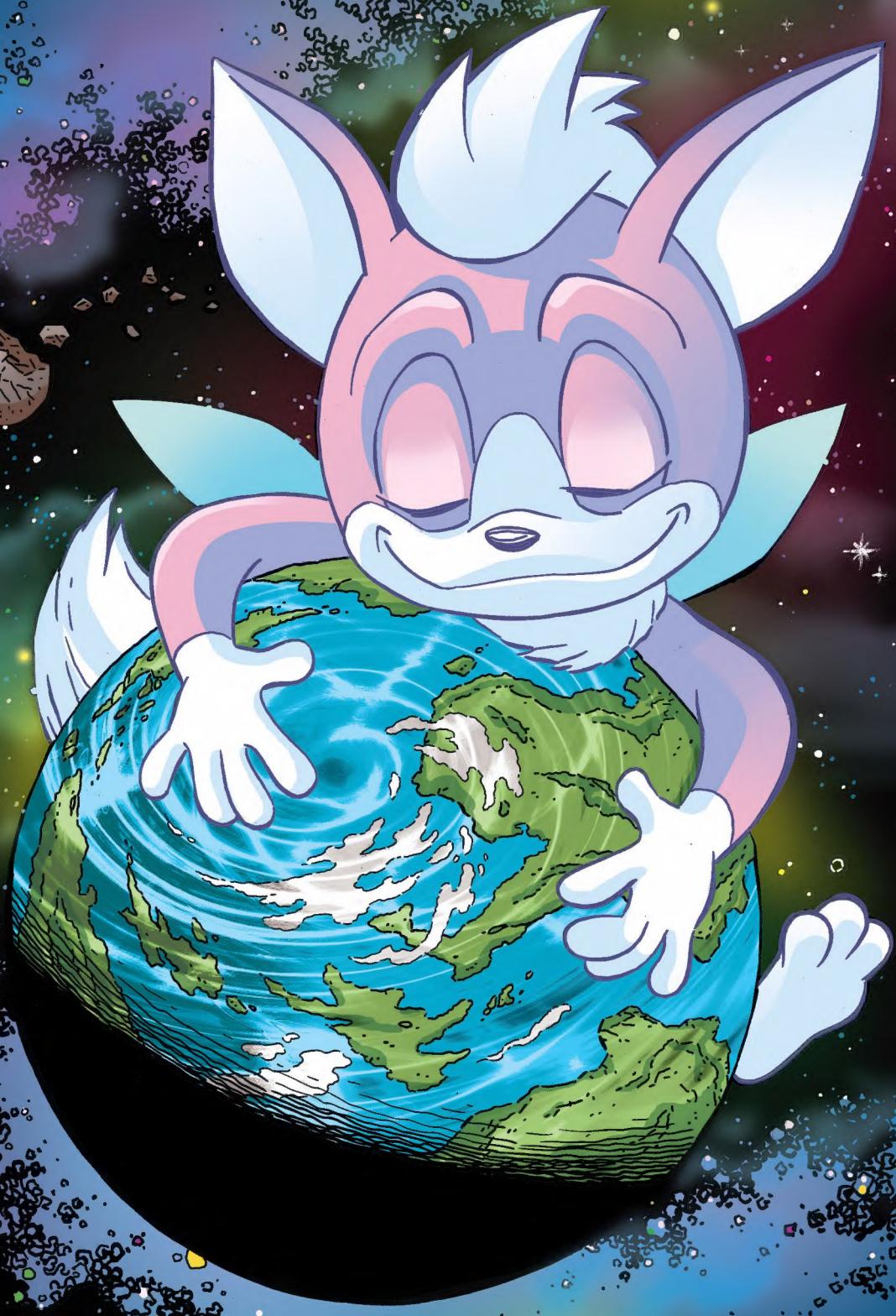
...M-MR. CHIP?











**THE SHATTERED WORLD SAGA HAS COME TO A CLOSE!**  
THANK YOU for joining us on this SONIC WORLD ADVENTURE!  
But as one chapter ENDS, another BEGINS!  
We'll see you NEXT TIME as we launch into a brand new epic!  
AND UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS OUT ON SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER  
DIGEST AND THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!

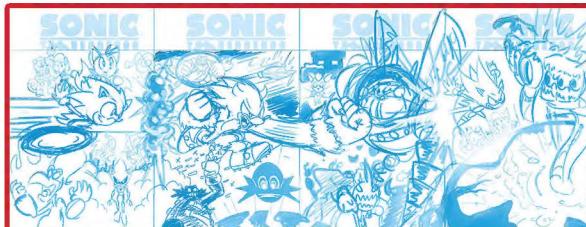
# Letter from the EDITOR

Chaos Emerald-powered editorial commentary! Just add 50 rings!

## And that's how you get it done!

Was that a wild ride or what? The planet-sized jigsaw puzzle has finally been completed. So many great artists have lent their talents to tell this grand story and it's so satisfying seeing the end result. Hats off to the creative team on a job well done and a saga well told.

Just in case you missed it, **Tracy Yardley** has made his grand return this issue, and will continue pencilning for our next storyline, "**Genesis of a Hero**!" This special story will honor the Blue Blur's 25-year history by turning back the clock to Sonic's earliest adventures and reveal some key moments in Sonic's history!



STH #284-287 connecting cover concept written by Ian Flynn and sketched by yours truly!

Guess who's back, back again? Tracy's back! Tell a friend, because "**Genesis of a Hero**" begins in **STH #288**!

That's all for now. Stay classy, Sonic fans! See you next issue!

*Vin*  
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– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo  
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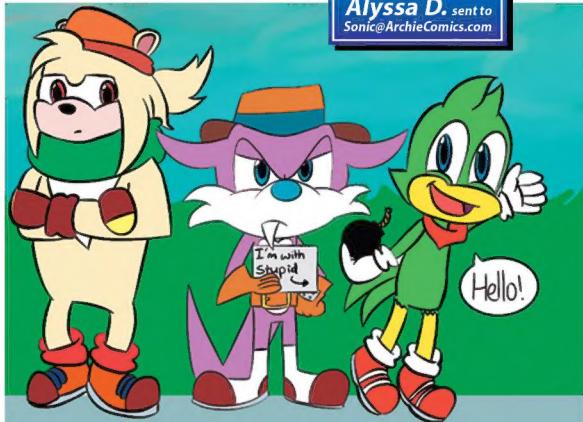


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# GENESIS OF A HERO

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